BOERS DESPERATE

Are Attacking Fiercely and Now Occupy Colesburg.

KITCHENER SENDS MORE NEWS.

mas Scut a Large Body of Mounted Men To Intercept Boers At Orange River-Heavy Cannonading To-Day At Krugersdorp.

Cape Towne, Dec 20.—The invasion of Cape Colony is spreading. It is reported that the Boers have occupied Colesburg, south of Philippolis and near the Orange river colony frontier. The people here are much disturbed. A mixed force of one thousand men was dispatched north yesterday even-

London, Dec 20.-The following dispatch has been received from Gen-eral Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Wednesday, December 91;
"A party of Boers, estimated at

from 500 to 800, has crossed the Orange river at Rhenoster Hoek. A second band is reported to have

crossed near Sand Drift. They have been followed. I have sent a considerable body of mounted men, who are getting around them. "The Boers from Rhenoster Hock are being followed closely from Venwhich they left at 3 o'clock yesterday evening, going in the di-rection of Steynsburg.

"The important points on the railway and the neighborhood are well guarded. I hope the band will soon be driven north again."

London, Dec 20.-A special from Johannesburg dated December 19, says that heavy cannonading was heard the morning of that day north of Krugersdorp.

SCHOOLBOYS WELCOME KRUGER Amsterdam, Dec 20.-Mr Kruger attended a crowded meeting to-day in the Nieuwe Kerk. The speakers de-clared Great Britain had sold her birthright for a handful of gold and that the continental powers would forever bear the brand of Cain unless they intervened in South Africa. Subsequently Mr Kruger repaired to the Palace of Industry, where five thousand school boys welcomed him with a choral.

BRUSH WITH INSURGENTS.

Thirteen Killed and Rifles Captured-One Soldier Wounded.

Washington, Dec 20.-The following cablegram from Admiral Remey, giving an account of a sharp brush with Filipino insurgents, was received today at the navy department.

"Cavite, December 20, "Bureau of Navigation, Washington: "Fifteen troopers, Fourth cavalry, and five of the crew were landed from the gunboat Basco yesterday at Limbanes, Cavite province. Surprised banes, Cavite province. Surprised eighty insurgents, sharp skirmish half hour: thirteen insurgents billed: twelve rifles captured; large amount of stores destroyed; one soldier wounded. (Signey) "REMEY."

TURMOIL IN MADRID SENATE.

One Speaker Objects to the Marriage of the Heiress to the Throne.

Madrid, Dec 20.-During the discussion in the senate of the royal message announcing the marriage in the near future of the Princess of Austrias, heiress presumptive to the throne, with Prince Charles, second son of the Count of Caseria, Senor Ortega, a republican, raised a storm of protest by recalling the conspiracy of the Bourbon princess against other Bourbon royalists, which he feared this marriage would have a tendency to renew. Amidst insults from all parts of the house, the speaker was finally called

ARRIVAL OF STEAMERS.

Several of the Big Vessels Had Rough Passages Across.

New York, Dec 20.-The new steam er Vaderland, of the Red Star line. arrived to-day from Autwerp and Southampton, after a long and tempestuous passage. The steamer behaved handsomely throughout. Her engines were slowed down occasionally when the weather became very rough, but they worked as smoothly as could be expected from new engines. As a sea boat she has proved her ability. The Vaderland is the first of four new steamers building for the Internation-

7,490 registered and 11,000 gross. She is commanded by Captain F. Al-The North German Llyod steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which has arrived from Bremen, reports a succession of westerly gales from channel to the Banks, accompanied by very rough seas. On December 15 and 16 the steamer was compelled to reduce her speed, making only 348 and 367 knots respectively for the two

al Navigation company. Her tonnage

New York, Dec 20 .- Arrived: Steamer Furst Bismarck, from Naples.

Port Said, Dec 20.-The United States battleship Kentucky arrived here at 8 o'clock this morning.

New York, Dec 20.-Arrived: Steamers Vaderland, from Southampton: Iberlan, from Liverpool. Halifax, Dec 20 .- Arrived: Steamer Lindisfarne, from Cardiff for Baltire, with rudder disabled.

REPORTS CALLED FOR. Washington, Dec 20.-The controller of the currency has issued a call for reports of the condition of national inks as of Thursday, December 13.

ADVANCED RATE OF INTEREST. Calcutta, Dec 20.—The rate of dis-cent of the Bank of Bengal was to-advanced from 6 to 7 per cent.

THE WEST POINT HAZING.

The Investigation May Not Close Be ·fore Saturday.

West Point, N. Y., Dec 20.-For the last two days General Brooke, General Bates and General Clous assisted by Captain Dear, have been probing and investigating charges of brutal hazing at the military academy in connec-tion with the recent demise of former Cadet Oscar L. Booz, Forty-eight classmates of the deceased have been examined under eath before the court f inquiry and not one of them has testified to the effect that brutal hazng was indulged in. They deny that Booz was treated in any manner worse than they themselves were by upper classmen and all agree in saying that the ordeals which they were made to go through were not injurious either mentally or physically. The assertions of religious discrimination have also been refuted by every witness, cadets of Hebrew. Catholic. Protestant, Presbyterian and other decommunations testifying that no religus prejudices existed in the academy. Only one thing charged by the parents of Booz has been sustained and that is that Booz and Keller had a fight some time early in August, 1898. Booz received serious injuries in that bout none of the onlookers thought so. Those who saw the fight say he was not injured, but that he quit. Cadet Hobson summed up the feeling against

Booz in his testimony yesterday when he said Booz was looked down upon for his lack of physical courage.

There are still twenty men of the second class to be examined and as several of the upper classmen will be alled as well as some officers, the inrestigation may not close before Sat-

The court went into executive session at 9:30 o'clock this morning, and at 9:50 the doors were opened.

Major Charles B. Hall, Second infantry, treasurer of the military academy, and quartermaster and commissary of endets, identified two bottles of red colored sauces which he said were the only kind of pepper or tropical sauces in use in the cadets' mess hall since he took charge three years ago. Tobasco sauce was not in use in the academy. The hot sauces were not generally laid on the tables, but were served when called for,

The next witness was Cadet William H. Cowles, of Kausas. He knew Booz but was not present at the fight. He described the hazing ordeals in the summer of '98 and said he had undergone everything that his classmates went through. He had taken a couple of drops of hor sauce from a spoon. When asked to describe the sauce the witness said: "Well, the bottle which on the Cudaby disappearance after the saw in our tent was labeled 'Tropical Peppers Sauce.' "

Witness when asked again about Cader Booz said: "I prepared at the same school with Booz and I did not consider him a strong fellow. We were at St Luke's school at Bushlown, Philadelphia, in the fall of '97. C. H. Edward Cudahy's house. The Cudahy in the spring, Mr Strout told me that up and down the street, as if wachhe did not expect Booz to pass the ex- ing for some one. In a moment or amination to enter here. Booz was ex. two he returned and again called up amination to enter here. Booz was CXamined by a physician and was developing lung and chest capacity. I cannot remember the name of the physician, but he resided in Bushtown. I yard for a letter?"

I two he returned and again cance up
the Cadaby residence. This time he
was successful and said, in a surly
tone: "Have you looked in the front
yard for a letter?" had very little to do with Booz after

of Ohio, told the court that among other things that he had been made to eat eighty-five prunes at one sitting. and at another time had to swallow a bowl of molasses and six slices of bread. He said Rooz had a slouchy manner and did not seem to have enough energy to hold himself togeth-

Cadet David H. Bower of Iowa said he had been hazed in '98. He had to do a number of foolish things. Cadet Henry E. Mitchell of New York said that he had seen every man in the present first class taking part

DISTRIBUTING AN ESTATE.

in '98.

in the hazing of the fourth classmen

There Was \$170,000 Divided Among Six Heirs This Morning.

South Norwalk Conn. Dec 20 .- The distribution of the estate of the late Henry I. Hoyt took place this morning in the Norwalk probate court when \$170,000 was divided among the six heirs. There was about \$140,000 in cash and negotiable securities and \$30,000 in real estate.

The accounting made by the executors, Frank Hoyt, of New York, and Judge Asa B. Woodward, of Norwalk, showed that the estate had been in creased several thousand dollars by their judicious investments.

According to the terms of the will one half of the estate is held in trust for Miss Meach, the housekeeper, and two daughters of the deceased. Mrs Hauf and Mrs Coley. One-sixth in-terest is set aside to Frank Hoyt, another sixth to Augustus Hoyt and the

other sixth to Harry Good and his sister, all of New York city. When the will was at first offered for probate Frank Hoyt, a son of the deceased by a former wife, now a resident of California, made a protest and the case was carried into the superior court upon an appeal from pro-bate. Mr Hoyt claimed indue in-The case never came to trial in the higher court as the heirs and the contestants' attorneys reached an amicable settlement in which it is said that each heir sets aside a portion of his or her share. By this arrangement the will stands as originally made. Then the heirs settle individually with

the contestant, as per agreement. .
This is one of the largest estates which has been settled by the Norwalk probate court in some time,

MEDALS FOR LIFE SAVERS.

St John, N. B., Dec 20.-Governor McClellan to-day presented to Pilots Richard Cline, William Scott and six other life savers of this city. medals awarded by the United States government for rescuing the crew of the American schooner Hazel Dell on December 2, 1899. The Hazel Deli was wrecked off this port while bound from Windsor, N. S., for New York city. The rescue of the crew was ac-complished under great difficulties.

Was Returned to His Father's House This Morning.

The Family Refused to Discuss the Abduction-Ransom of \$25,000 Has Been Paid-Police Say the Young Man Left Home Owing to Some Dis-

Omaha, Neb, Dec 20.-Young Edvard A. Cudahy returned home secret-

Mrs Cudahy, when questioned about the return of her son, refused to answer all questions and would only say that her son was safe and well, will not talk about it to-night," she declared positively. "All that I can say now is that he was abducted.

Mrs Cudahy parvied all questions and said that she would not say whether the ransom had been paid or "I will not talk any more tonight and that's all there is of it." "We are in no shape to talk to-

night," said Mr Cudaby, "neither is the boy. He can tell his story in the morning just as well. He was abducted all right. I do not know yet how. nor where he was taken. He was returned to the house late to night by the men who took him away. brought him to the gate and left him there. The reward will be paid, Further than that I positively decline to speak and nothing beyond that will given out now.

The manager of the Cudahy packing house told the following story: "The boy was abducted shortly before S o'clock Tuesday night and, as we now learn, was taken out into the country five miles west of South Omaha and was secured by the abductors, who blindfolded him and kept him in that condition until he returned home this morning.

"He was at once conveyed into the untry and placed in a vacant house far removed from any other habitation and, thus incarcerated, he was guarded there all night and all of the succeeding day by part of the gang, while other members were in Omaha endeav oring to secure a settlement with Mr Cudality. 'As to the nature of the settlement.

whether any money was paid or not, I must decline to state... When it became known that the boy vas safe at home a number of friends

called up the residence by telephone. The most important news thrown anenymous note was found was when W. S. Glyn, who runs a livery stable, stated that a man had come to his barn in the forenoon and asked to use the telephone. Frank Glyn, a son of W. S. Glyn, was in the office and readily gave consent. The stranger called for Strout was the principal and when I telephone was busy at the time and went there again after examinations be stepped outside the door and looked

The answer evidently was "No." for I came here, but bore him no ill will. he added: "Do so at once and you In fact, I was just indifferently friend- will find one." He then hung up the telephone and stepped outside, mount The next witness, Herbert Z. Krumm | ed a peny he had come on, and rode rapidly away.

> Omaha. Neb, Dec 20.-The police are of the opinion that the boy was not abducted, but had run away and returned home of his own volition.

> Those who have been working on the case and who are in a position for inside information, are of the opinion that the young man had had a quarrel with some member of the family and took this means of seeking revenge.

The mental strain through which Mr and Mrs Cudahy have passed since the disappearance of their son is now telling on them. Mr Cudahy has almost totally collapsed for the time being and Mrs Cudahy is feeling the effects of her anxiety to a remarkable degree.

Omaha, Neb, Dec 20.-In an extra edition the Evening Bee says: Twen-ty-five thousand dollars in gold was the price paid by Edward A. Cudahy for the return of Edward Cudahy, J: who was abducted by a gang of kidnappers last Tuesday night. Yesterday about noon, several hours after a letter had been left on the lawn of the Cudaby residence, another missive was de livered to Mr Cudshy through the mail and contained a proposition to return the boy safe and unharmed provided the sum of \$25,000 was paid that night. Finally impelled by the strain under which the entire household was laboring, Mr Cudahy decided to comply with the terms offered in the letter and rausom his son. After dinner Mr Cudahy had one of his horses harnessed to a light wagen and taking the money with him left alone for the place desig nated where the money was to be left. In the buggy he carried a red lantern. He drove five miles west of the town on the Sherman avenue road until he came to a white lantern banging on a short stick beside the road. Alighting from his buggy Mr Cudahy deposited the sack containing the money near the stick bearing the white light. Then without seeing any one he returned to his home. In the meantime the ductors had seen the red light coming up the road and as soon as the buggy had disapeared they took away money and prepared to keep faith with the father. The boy was bundled into a cab and was set down close to bis own home about 1 o'clock this morning. Where he had been he was unable to tell.

A YOUTHFUL TRAVELER.

Derby, Dec 20,-Clifford Tuck, 6 vears old, started for California vesterday. He is going to visit his father who has not seen him since he was six months old. The boy was ticketed and will make the trip alone.

PRUSSIAN BANKER ARRESTED. Potsdam, Dec 20.—Councillor of Commerce Sandenm recently a director of the Prussian Hypotheken Aktien bank, was arrested this morning and is confined in the Meabit prison.

THE MERIDEN BRANCH.

Official News Given Out To-day That It. Will Be Run By Electricity. New Haven, Dec 20.-Important information was given out at the railroad offices this morning to the effect that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co will shortly equip its Waterbury, Middletown and Meriden road with electricity. Says the Evening Register: Such a change has been under consideration for some time and it is now assured that it will certainly be made in a short time.

DRUGGIST BEING TRIED.

A Victim of the Law and Order League In Court,

Clinton, Conn. Dec 26, -J. B. Wright, the Clinton druggist, against whom the Law and Order league has instituted proceedings, is being tried to-day on four counts, two or three of which allege that he has borne a general reputation of selling liquor without prescriptions, while the other alleges an actual sale. The testimony this forenoon was intended to prove the charge of reputation, one witness, however, testifying that he had actually been present in the store two months ago when an alleged sale of cription. It is expected that the case will occupy the whole day.

No decision was rendered this morning concerning the condemnation of ers seized at the Wright store, on which a trial was held last week.

TO STOP INSURRECTION. General MacArthur Issues a General

Warning. MANILA, Dec. 20.-Today General MacArthur issued a proclamation warning the inhabitants of the archipelago that hereafter strict compliance with the laws of war will be required of noncombatants as well as combatants. The proclamation sets forth the principal laws of

It refers to recent proclamations issued by insurgent commanders threatening natives who are friendly to the American It refers to recent proclamations issued tives who are friendly to the American this morning in Mrs Celia Cox's house forces and also to the orders issued to where the Barnes family lived. The their men to kidnap and assassinate resi dents of towns occupied by Americana. lowed the water pipes from the street. The insurgent leaders are notified that such practices, if continued, will put an end to the possibility of their resuming placed by a fire which normal civic relations and will make them

fugitive criminals. Residents of places occupied by Americans are notified that compliance with the demands of the enemy will create a presumption that such acts are voluntary and malicious. They are also notified that pleas of intimidation will rarely be accepted and that where secret committees are permitted to exist in behalf of the in surgents even well disposed persons will be exposed to the danger of being tried as traitors.

The proclamation says that its warnings and requirements are to apply with ecial force to Manila, the "rendezvous of the emissaries of insurrection.

Newspapers are warned against publishing sedition, and the proclamation declares that the rebeis who are not part of an organized force are not entitled to the privileges of prisoners of war, adding that the fact that they have not hitherto been held responsible is "evidence of the solici-tude of the United States to avoid the appearance of harshness.

The proclamation clearly disavows any recognition of technical belligerency.

HABEAS CORPUS IN CUBA Act Takes Effect Today-Dady Fight to Be Carried to Washington.

HAVANA, Dec. 20 .- The habeas cor pus act of the island will go into effect today. The first case under it will be that of an American of the name of Thompson from Detroit, who is held on tele graphic request under a charge of altering the books of the Standard Life Insurance company. Thompson is represented by a Cuban attorney, and the develop ments of the case will be watched with

interest. The municipal council voted unanimously to incorporate in the advertise ments for bids in connection with the sewering and paving contract the facts of Mr. Michael J. Dady's appraisement and the award of more than \$500,000. It is believed that Mayor Rodriguez will veto the whole proceedings. Mr. Dudy expects that the fight will be carried to Washington, where Mr. Lemuel Quigg will go immediately. The military government and the engineers generally are

disgusted at the outcome.

The special committees of the Cuban constitutional convention are still tighting bitterly over the questions of suffrage and presidential qualifications. Their reports will be delayed, and harmony is doubtful.

Governor Roosevelt In New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-Governor Roosevelt was in the city yesterday and lunched with General Greene, John Proctor Clarke and Whitelaw Reid at the Un-League club. He also visited the West Side Italian mission school, an institution in which his father was interested many years ago. The governor went back to Albany in the afternoon

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 20.-John D. Long, secretary of the navy, has purchased a site for a residence which he will immediately erect in this city. Mr. Loug's daughters, who have been here for the past year for their health, will make this their permanent home.

Death by Accidental Shooting. POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 20. Mrs. John W. Grittin, wife of a laborer of Hyde Park, is dead in Vassar hospital, this city, as the result of being ac-cidentally shot by her husband at their home last Saturday.

SUICIDED IN AMBULANCE. New York, Dec 20.-Having been arrested and held in bail on the charge of having stolen \$2. William Weil, an inspector of hydrants in the Brooklyn water department, killed himself last night by drinking carbolic acid. took some of the poison in a saloon and on the way to St Mary's hospital in an ambulance emptied the vial before the surgeon could strike it out of his hand. He died a few moments

CLOSING ARGUMENTS MADE. Washington, Dec 20.-The closing arguments in the Philippine and Porto Rico cases were finished this morning in the United States supreme court and the cases were submitted for the decision of the court.

Consolidation Committee Will Finish To-Morrow Night.

An Amicable Agreement Has, It Is Said, Been Reached on the Tax Question-The Suburbanites Will Have to Pay Full City Tax-The Full Draft of the Bill Is Awaited With Interest.

It is said that the charter committee will complete its labors to-morrow night and will be ready to report to the next meeting of the board of aldermen. After that we may expect to have some good fun, for some of the townspeople are said to be been and to make a terrible onslaught upon the whole thing. It was said in the aldermanic chamber last night, all the republicans are conversant with the principal features of the draft, that the bill will provide for taxing proper-ty in what we call the new city limits at the same rate as people paid inside the old lines. That's all right. Let these people pay for public improvements and then no one will question their right to get them and if the outiders, so called, want to be fair about this matter they will come forward and advocate this part of the program. If they don't, the Lord help the man who will ask to give them anything in the future except school accommodations, and Alderman White will be ation of \$1,000 for electric lights.

TWO NATURAL GAS EXPLOSIONS Beaver Falls, Penn, Dec 20.-Three houses were wrecked and seven persons injured by two natural gas explosions to-day. The three year old son of Frank Barnes was burned farally. The injuries to the others while gas, which caused the explosion, folplosion was followed by a fire which spread to the adjoining dwelling, and both were consumed. The occupants barely escaped with their lives. An hour later the house of H. A. Moore, just across the street from the scene of the fire, was torn to pieces by another explosion and the inmates were slightly burned. The property loss will amount to \$10,000.

ADMIRAL PHILIP FUND. New York, Dec 20.—Almost \$17,000 has been contributed for the Admiral Philip memorial fund, named in memory of the famous commander of the exas and later the beloved commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard. It is loped the fund may amount to at least \$50,000. The income of the fund is to go to Mrs Philip as long as she lives and after her death it will be devoted to the maintenance of the naval branch of the Y. M. C. A., in Brooklyn, a work n which Admiral Philip was deeply nterested.

BIG BANK PURCHASE.

Portland, Ore, Dec 20.-The Canadian Bank of Commerce has purchased the Bank of British Columbia, com-Columbia, Oregon and California, and one in London. The change will be come office of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is at Toronto. The capital new institution will be \$8,000,000.

MAY DIE AS RESULT OF A FIGHT. Clinton, Dec 20.-Robert Jenkins, n negro, employed on the Wachuset reservoir, is at the hospital here dying s the result of terrible injuries reeived in a fight with another negro in Centerville last night. The police are looking for James Hiland, who is alleged to have caused the injuries.

DEAD IN HIS ROOM. Hartford, Dec 20.-Coit Cortez Clark. employed as a toolmaker at Colt's armory, and a nephew of ex-Senator George M. Clark, of Haddam, was found dead in his room at 200 Allen

BOYS UP FOR BURGLARY. Bridgeport, Dec 20.-Antonio Filipoa, Seaptavoli and Harry Fitzgerald, boys about 14 years of age, were arrested here to-day for burglary. They admitted having burglarized eight different stores in the past four

street, this morning. He had commit-

ted suicide by taking a dose of mor-

WEATHER REPORT. Washington, Dec 20.-For Connecti-

cut: Partly cloudy, followed by rain late to-night and Friday. Fresh south to west, shifting to northwest winds. Weather notes: Rain has fallen during the past twenty-four hours in the lower Mississippi valley, and on the Gulf and south Atlantic coasts. storm, which was central near New Orleans yesterday morning, is now central in northern Alabama. There has been a slight fall in temperature in the northwest. Mild temperatures continue in the central and eastern sections.

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Bismarck30.02	32	W	Clear
Boston 29.98	34	SW	Clear
Buffalo 30.06	34	W	Cloudy
Cincinnati30.16	30	E	Cloudy
Chicago 30.20	30	N	Clear
Denver30.26	28	SW	Clear
Helena 29.84	46	SW	Pt Cldy
Jacksonville . /29.86	64	S	Cloudy
Kansas City 30.30	30	SW	Clear
Nantucket30.02	38	W	Cloudy
New Haven 30.18	32	W	Pt Cld;
New Orleans29.96	50	W	Cloudy
New York 30.06	34	SW	Pt Cld
Northfield29.90	36	S	Cloudy
Pittsburg30.14	32	W	Clear
St Louis30,20	34	NW	Clear
St Paul29.24	20	0.000	Clear
Washington 30.10	28	W	Pt Cld
Hatteras 30.10	46	N	Rain'g

MILK DEALERS MONEY.

Things were interesting around the

A Number of Them Call on City Clerk and Want Their Money Back,

city clerk's office this afternoon, when the milk men commenced to troop around looking for the money they paid the city for license in accordance with an ordinance passed by the alder men upon the recommendation of the board of health. The license fee was a dollar a year, and while some of the peddlers and proprietors of stores paid under protest, others planked down without saying anything, and thought it a good thing to have a law which would put the health authorities in a position to make some needed re forms in the milk husiness in Water-bury. David G. Porter was the leader of the opposition and made a deter mined attack upon the law at meetings of the board of health and

before the Milk Dealers' association, contending at all times that the tax was illegal, and now that the courts have decided in his favor naturally he feels elated over the matter, and from this time forward Mr Porter will be considered an authority on such ques-tions and his neighbors will take counsel from him instead of calling upon the lawvers. The city collected about \$350 for milk licenses since the law went into will be devised is a matter that has

not yet been considered, so the competer of the and that he will not present himself a Christmas present not yet been considered, so the compbout it until suitable action has been taken in the premises by the proper parties. One old gentleman was highy indignant at the idea of having to to away without getting his money hen and there and left the building leclaring that he was going to have atisfaction out of some one, and get is money in the bargain. He deounced the city officials in general and the board of bealth in particular and deleared that if he fails to receive it from the city he will send a bill for he amount to F. E. Cross, who is sunosed to have had a good deal to do with the framing of the law in the meetings of the health board and ushed it in the aldermanic chamber. Don't say too much about the city officials," said a reporter of the Demorat, who tried to console the milk vender; "von will be a resident of the ty yourself in a few months more. bis was the last straw and the old ellow disappeared across the green n high dudgeon, so that this milk quesion is not likely to advance the cause of consolidation, and those who are back of the scheme would make no mistake by straightening out the snarl as quickly as possible.

MUSICALE AT NOTRE DAME.

Many of the Old Pupils, as Well as the Present Scholars, Take Part. One of the prettiest and most charming musicales which the people of Waerbury have had an opportunity of listening to was that which the audience that well nigh tilled the cosy litde hall at the Convent de Notre Dame was treated to last night, by pubils connected with that far-famed institution of learning. The musicale was in the nature of a Christmas closan excellent and fitting closing it was. The music was of a high order, and the tions from the premier authors and composers, were rendered with that delicacy and fineness of touch and action which is the very soul of music. The singing was of an especially barming nature. The singers were in splendid voice and well deserved the hearty applause which greeted their inging. The choruses were exceptionally fine and by their work showed they had been faithfully trained. The evening's exercises opened with an over ture from Mozart by the Misses Cecilia Herringer and E. Madden. The following program was then carried out in an admirable manner: A greeting song by the convent choir; instrumental solos, the Misses Roselyn Brownell and Mamle Fay; a harp sole, Miss Julia Brennan: song, with violin accompaniment, Miss C. Moriarty: instrument at solos, the Misses Norah McCarthy and Lilla Loughlin; hymn to St Ce cilia, chorus: piano selections, Misses E. Madden and Any Blanchett: vocal trio, the Misses E. Lawlor, C. deriarty and J. Brennan: piano solos entertainment was satisfactory and

never did a more pleased audience leave a hall as the one last evening. This afternoon Christmas closing exercises were held by the juniors. Little tots, who scarcely could read up to the piano, rendered selections in a praiseworthy manner, while others, ust as little, gave several recitations in a charming style. Their manner of delivery, their gestures denoted careful and faithful training on the part of their instructresses. A part of he program was as follows: Piano solos by Martha Cullen, Mary laney, Mollie Cullen, A. Carroll, Mar-garet Birney, Margaret Kane, Frances Grace, Margaret Dunn, Louise Martin, Sertrude Mitchell, Lauretta Daly, Katle Bresnahan, Margaret Gaffney, Katherine Bolan, Irene Moriarty, Mary Doran and Adele Bauby, and recitations by the Misses Genevleve Scully and Louise Martin.

DECLARED DIVIDENDS. New York, Dec 20 .- The directors of the Lake Erle and Western Railroad company have declared a divident of 2 per cent on the preferred stock.

CITY NEWS.

Ethel Grierson, aged 11 years, died last night at the home of her parents on Division street. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2:35

In the city court this afternoon before Deputy Judge Bradstreet the suit of L. F. Haase & Co against Daniel Pullen began. The plaintiff claims \$33.85 for goods sold. The funeral of Johanna, the 10-

months-old child of Mr and Mrs Thom-Buckley of Emerald street, who died vesterday, took place this afternoon, with interment in St Joseph's

Mrs F. A. Pond and daughter will soon open a restaurant at 161 Broadway, Moriarty block, East Main street. The place is being handsomely furnished and is a very desirable location for that kind of business.

A Dog Case in District Court Created Mirth

QUALITIES OF AN IRISH SETTER.

Seemed To Be The Bone of Contention -Judge Cowell Sustained Demurrer In Mitchell-Smith Case-Several

Other Cases Wiped Off The Docket. To-day completed the term in the district court and court adjourned until the first Tuesday in January, 1901. This morning Judge Cowell held a special session of short calendar in order to expedite a few mat-ters on the docket. Judgment on a note for \$500 was given John F. Gal-lagher against Michael F. Woods, with interests and costs of course, and the plaintiff's demurrer to defendant's answer in the suit of John L. Mitchell against Mrs Mary E. W. Smith was sustained thus the fair attorneys. Susan C. O'Neill and Isabella Pettus were turned down. This was the most ungallant thing Judge Cowell ever did effect and what plan of refunding it and it is taken for granted that he would not have done so could be have

is punishment. This constituted the

business done at short calendar.

The dog case of Payeur vs Kelley, was then resumed. William Kelley brother of the defendant, was put on the stand and testified that he used the Irish setter, the bone of contention, as an "ad" in the window of his fish store and that the animal was "a little off color." He failed to tell the difference between "off" color and 'on" color, except to say that it was figure of speech. Charles A. Simpson, the expressman, was put on as an expert witness and during his cross examination. Attorney Pierce for the plaintiff displayed such a remarkable knowledge of the Irish setter dog that his opponent. Carmody, suspected he stayed up last night reading the subject. Mr Simpson stated that the valpuppy is about \$10 and a female \$5, while the best breed in the country can be had for \$25. Mr Carmody asked how much an "Irish setter around here" was worth. Judge Root objected to the form of this question as it included him as an Irish setter. Roars of laughter. Mr Carmody replied that he feared his "learned brother" misunderstood the question and that he said "Irish sitter." The ury almost fell off their chairs at retort, and the question was lost in laughter. Police Officer James E. Halpin also testified as an expert. He appeared to have heard, read of or known every Irish setter in the dog world, but Mr Pierce showed he had not heard that a dog of this species named Parsy sold for \$10, and another named Graeco went for the same sum in Poughkeepsie last year. Officer Halpin and Mr Pierce differed also as to the Irish setter's performance in the field. Mr Plerce contended that ing by the seniors of the school and the dog is one of the most intelligent in field trails and bench shows where-as the officer claimed that in years this species of canne flesh has not It is too headstrong for such performances he claimed and no matter if the famous Patsy and his companion Graceo were sold for \$10,000 he clung to his contention that the Irish setter was generally too headstrong for the

The jury, after forty minutes' de-liberation, returned with a verdict of \$300 for the plaintiff. This sum being \$100 in excess of the amount of damages claimed, the jury was sent back to bring in a verdict to fit the damages

TWO ROBBERS FOILED.

Attempt to Rob the Nebraska State

Treasurer's Office. Lincoln, Neb. Dec 20.-Night Watchs nan Good, about 3 o'clock this morning discovered two robbers in the capitol evidently engaged in an attempt to break into the treasury vault. the Misses Cecilia Heringer and Julia The robbers fired two shots at the Brennan; chorus, "Au Revoir." The watchman who returned the fire, apparently without effect. alarm was turned in but the robbers got away. State Treasurer Meserte found his office in much disorder but nothing of value was missing.

SIX FRUIT STEAMERS

New York, Dec 20.-L. G. Burnham, the second vice-president of the United Fruit company, has contracted through the company's brokers for six new steamers and the company has chartered three steamers with four years with options. These steamers are to be from 2,000 to 3,000 tons cubic capacity for cargo, and will be fitted especially for carriage of perishable cargo of fruit. Passenger accommoda-

tions will be provided. The contract calls for an average speed of fourteen knots an hour at sea, loaded. The vessels will be ready for delivery next fall. Names have been decided upon for four of the yessels: The Preston, Taunton, Brighton and Beacon. The Preston is building at Bergan, Norway, The Taunton is being built at Copenhagen: the Brighton and Beacon are being built at Christiania. The two unnamed vessels are now in course of construction at Toledo, Ohio,

GREAT BRITAIN'S STORMS.

London, Dec 20.-Atmospheric deressions of great size and depth are spreading over Great Britain from the westward. Storms are reported on all the coasts, numbers of minor wrecks have occurred and the southwest gale cutinues with unabated fury on the Irish coast. The White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sailed noon to-day from Queenstown for New York, experienced the full force of the

SPAIN MAY SELL.

Madrid. Dec 20.-The cabinet coans ell has decided to present to the chamber the project of the sale to the United States of Cagayan island and other slands of the Philippine group.